

SENATE BILL 1894
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to "Safe Hospital Report Cards".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-11-259.

(a) On or before January 1, 2006, the commissioner of health shall require each hospital licensed in this state to report any necessary information in order for the department to prepare an annual "Safe Hospitals Report Card". The report card for each hospital shall include factors that most seriously impact patient health and survival.

(b) The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5. The commissioner is directed to use data hospitals already are collecting or have available so as to minimize costs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.